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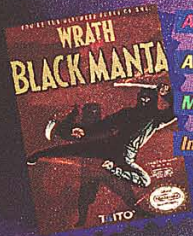
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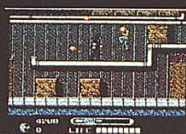
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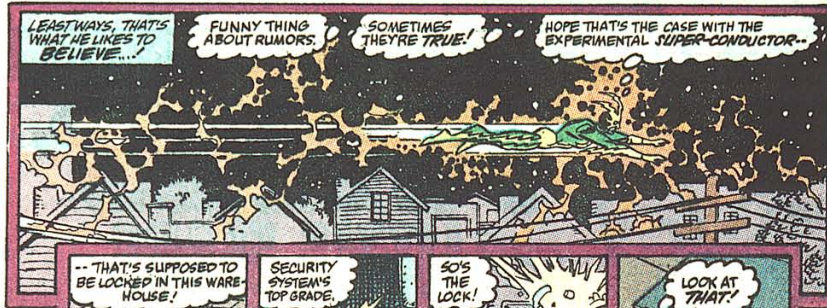
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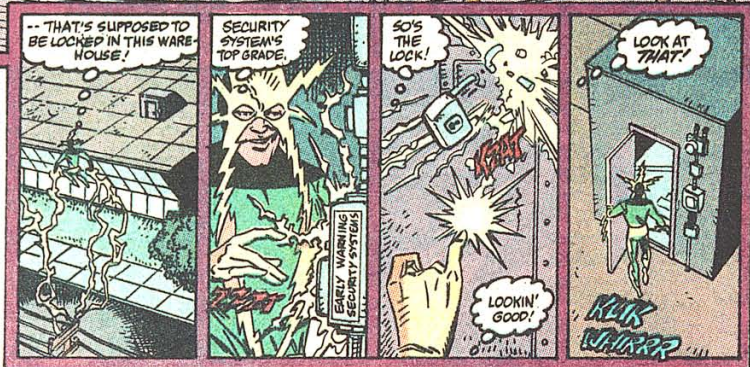


LEASTWAYS, THAT'S WHAT HE LIKES TO BELIEVE...

FUNNY THING ABOUT RUMORS.

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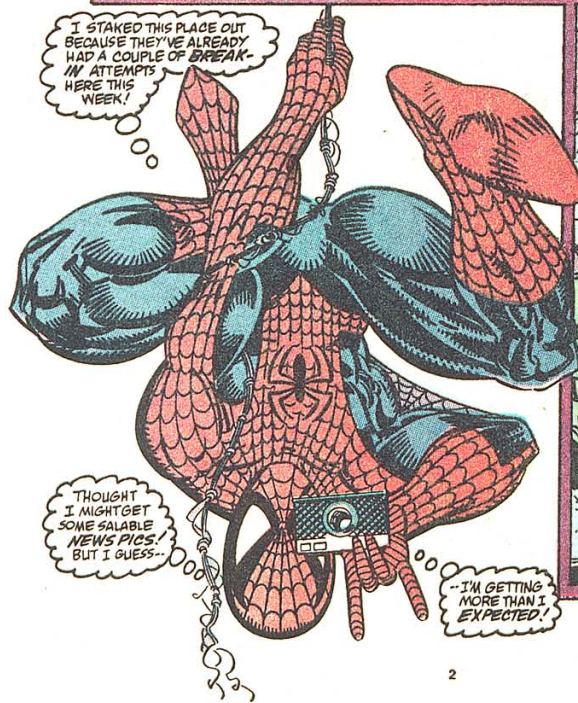
SO'S THE LOCK!

LOOK AT THAT!

LOOKIN' GOOD!

LOOKIN' GOOD!

CLACK



I STAKED THIS PLACE OUT BECAUSE THEY'VE ALREADY HAD A COUPLE OF BREAK-IN ATTEMPTS HERE THIS WEEK!

THOUGHT I MIGHT GET SOME SALABLE NEWS PICS, BUT I GUESS--

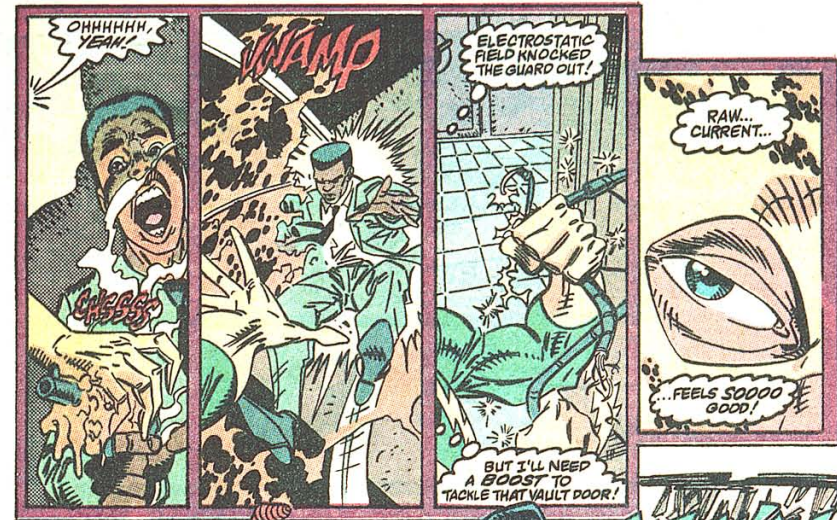
-- I'M GETTING MORE THAN I EXPECTED!



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OH NO!

HUH--? MONITOR SYSTEM'S GONE BLANK! WHAT THE--



OH HHHHHH, YEAH!

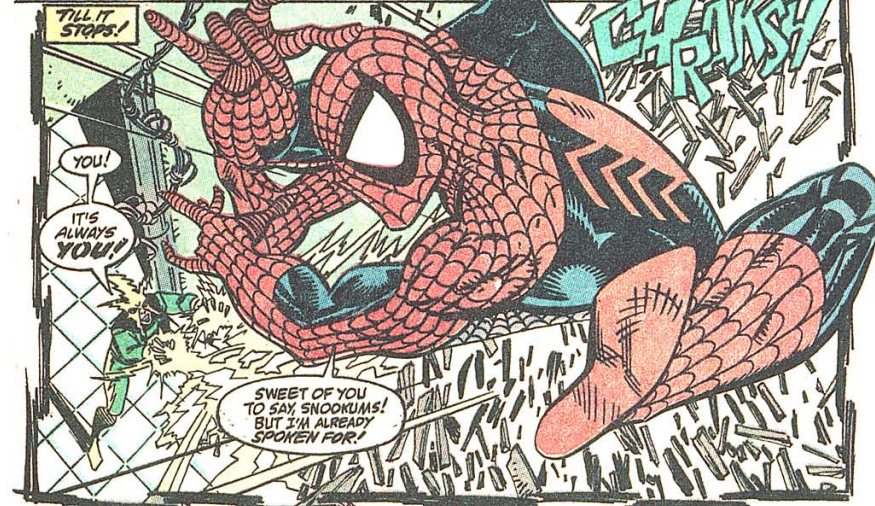
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ELECTROSTATIC FIELD KNOCKED THE GUARD OUT!

RAW... CURRENT...

...FEELS SOOOO GOOD!

BUT I'LL NEED A BOOST TO TACKLE THAT VAULT DOOR!



TILL IT STOPS!

YOU!

IT'S ALWAYS YOU!

SWEET OF YOU TO SAY SNOOKUS! BUT I'M ALREADY SPOKEN FOR!

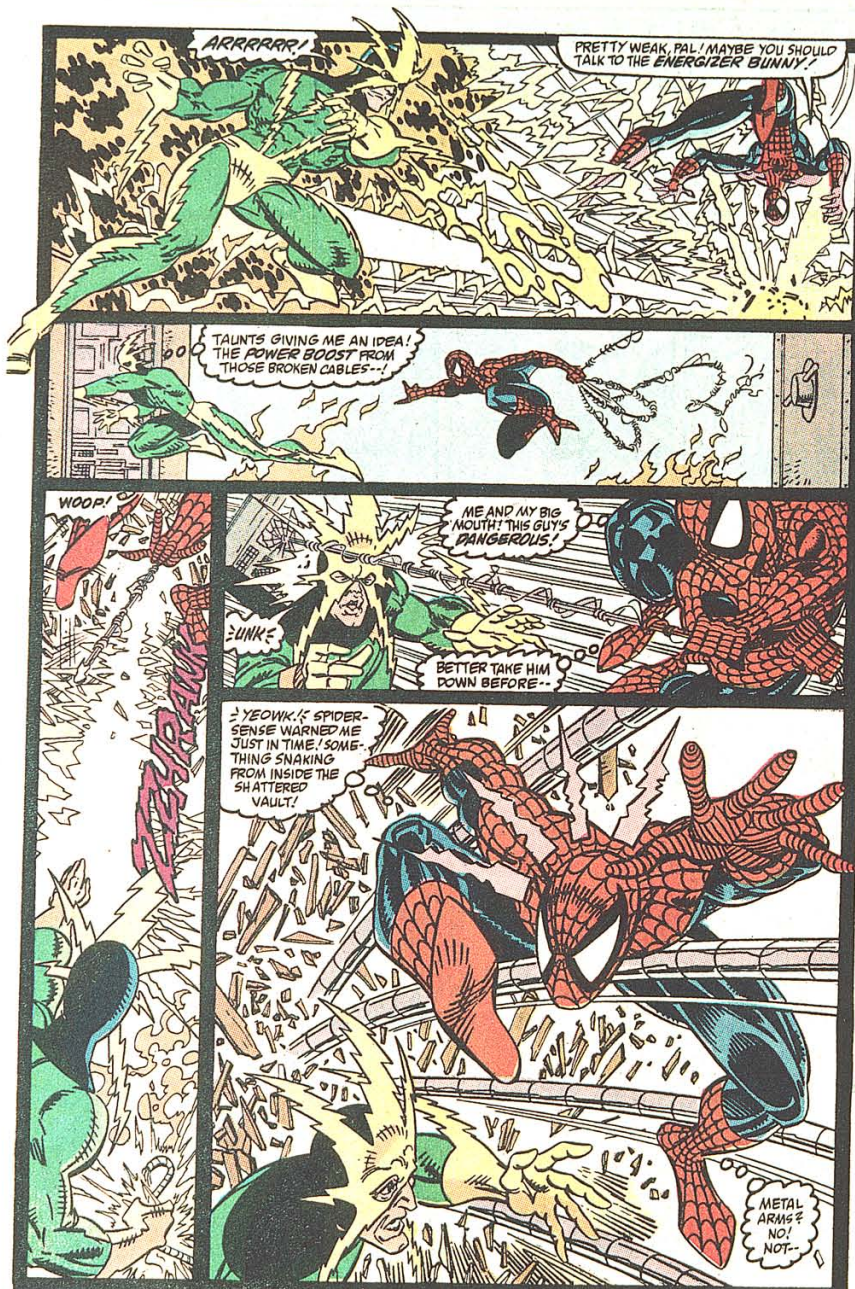


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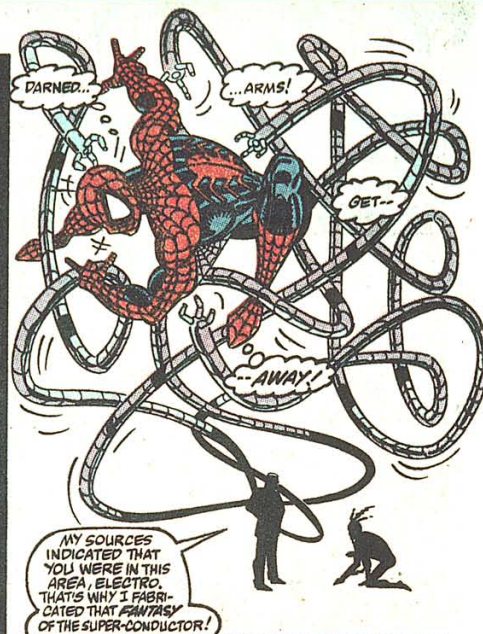


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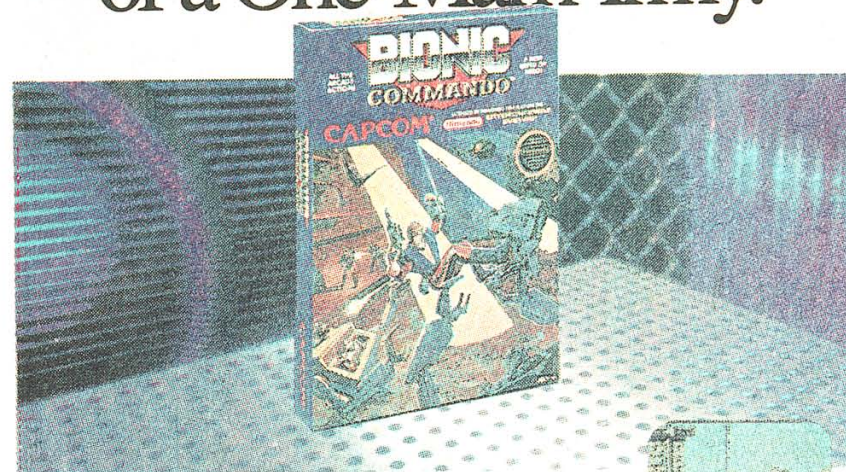
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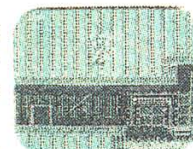
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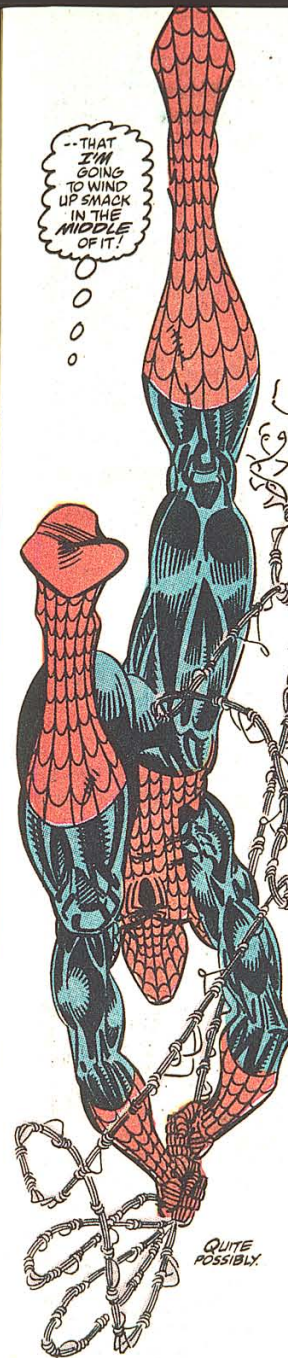
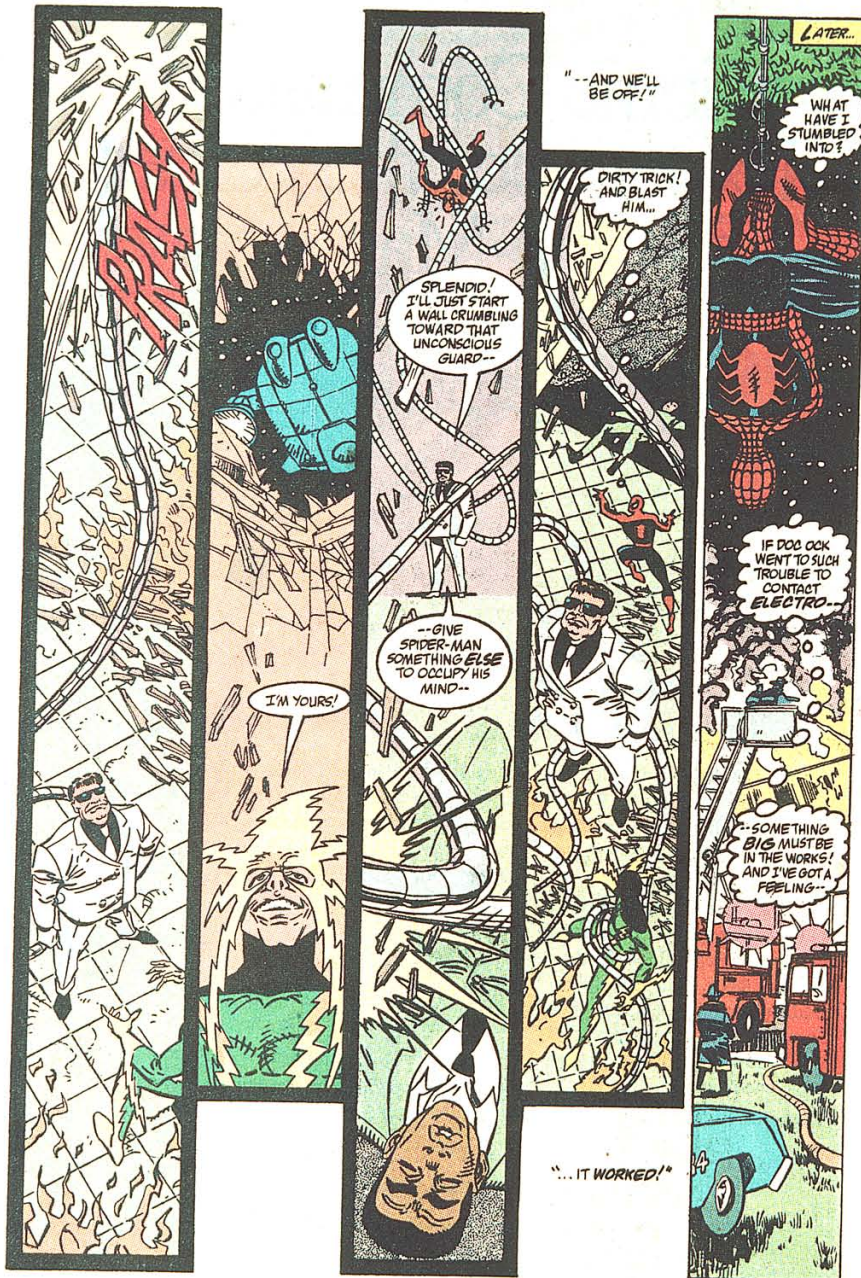
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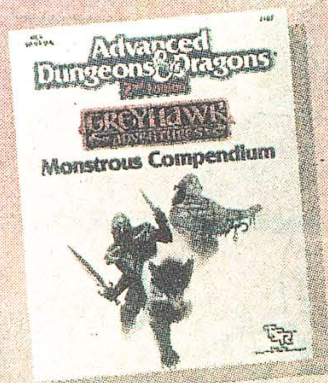


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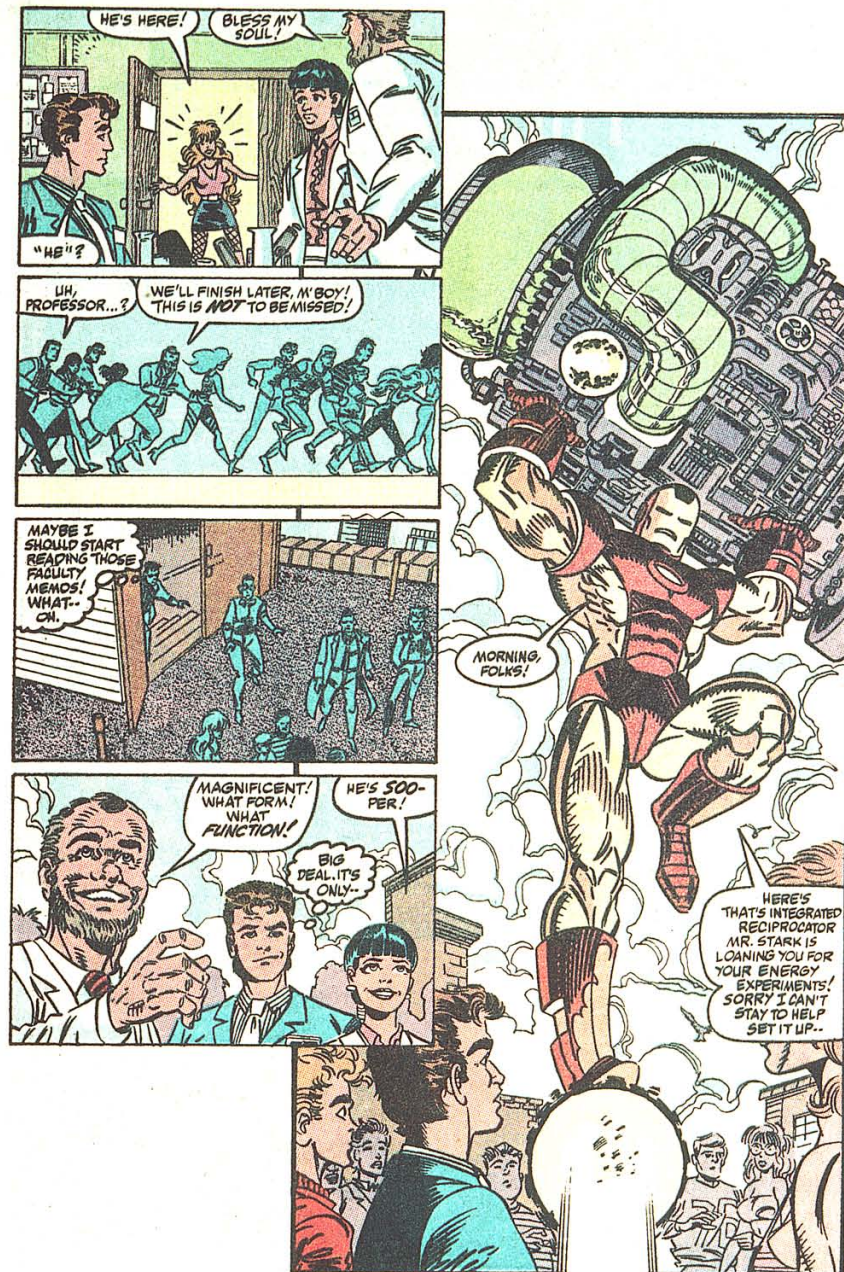
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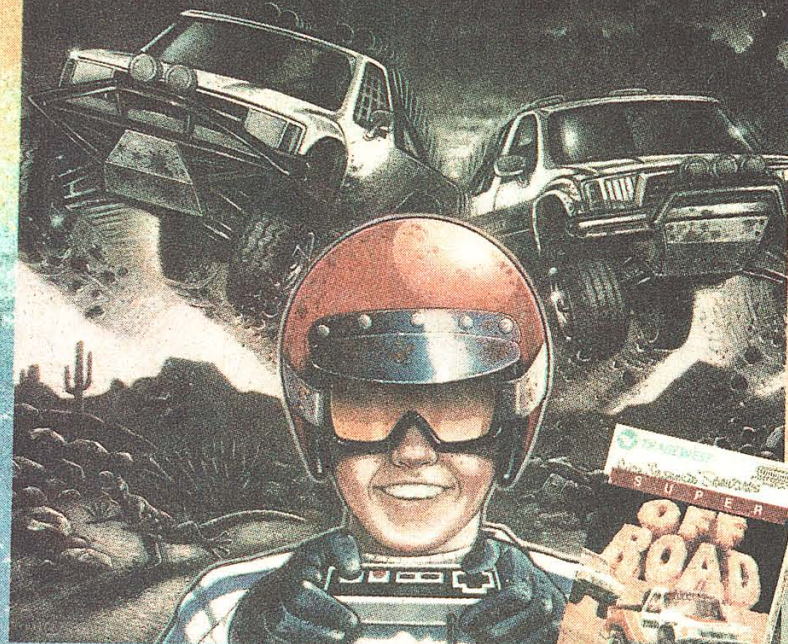
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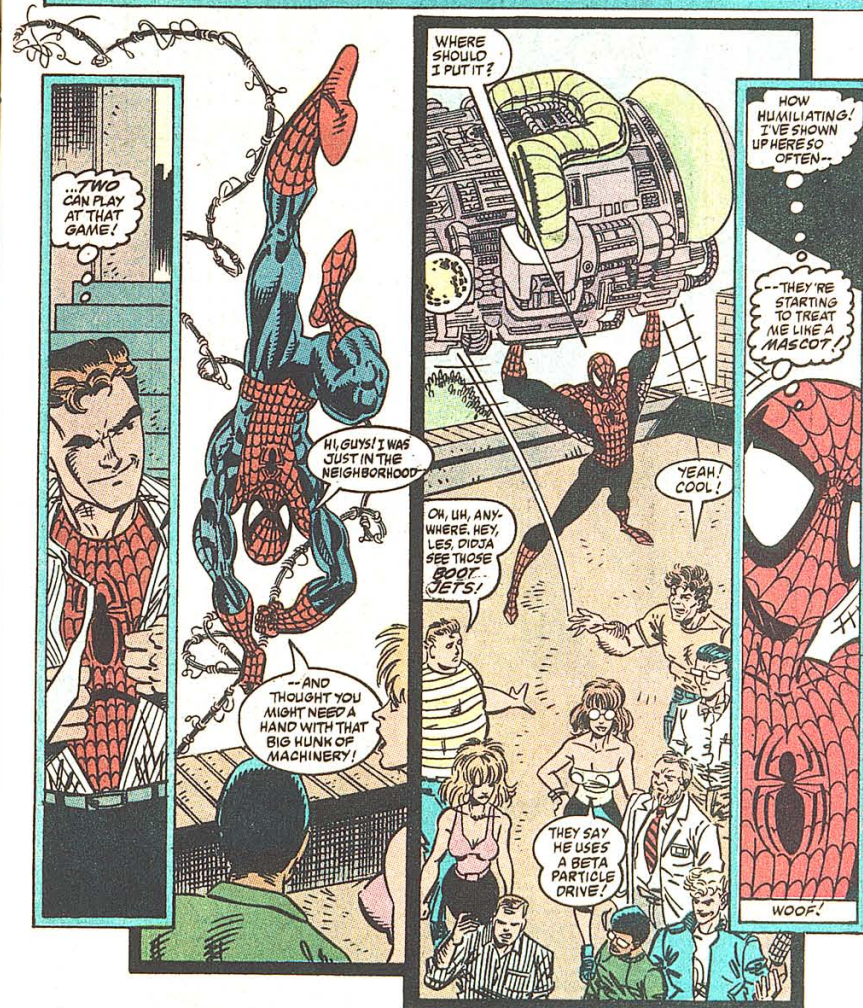
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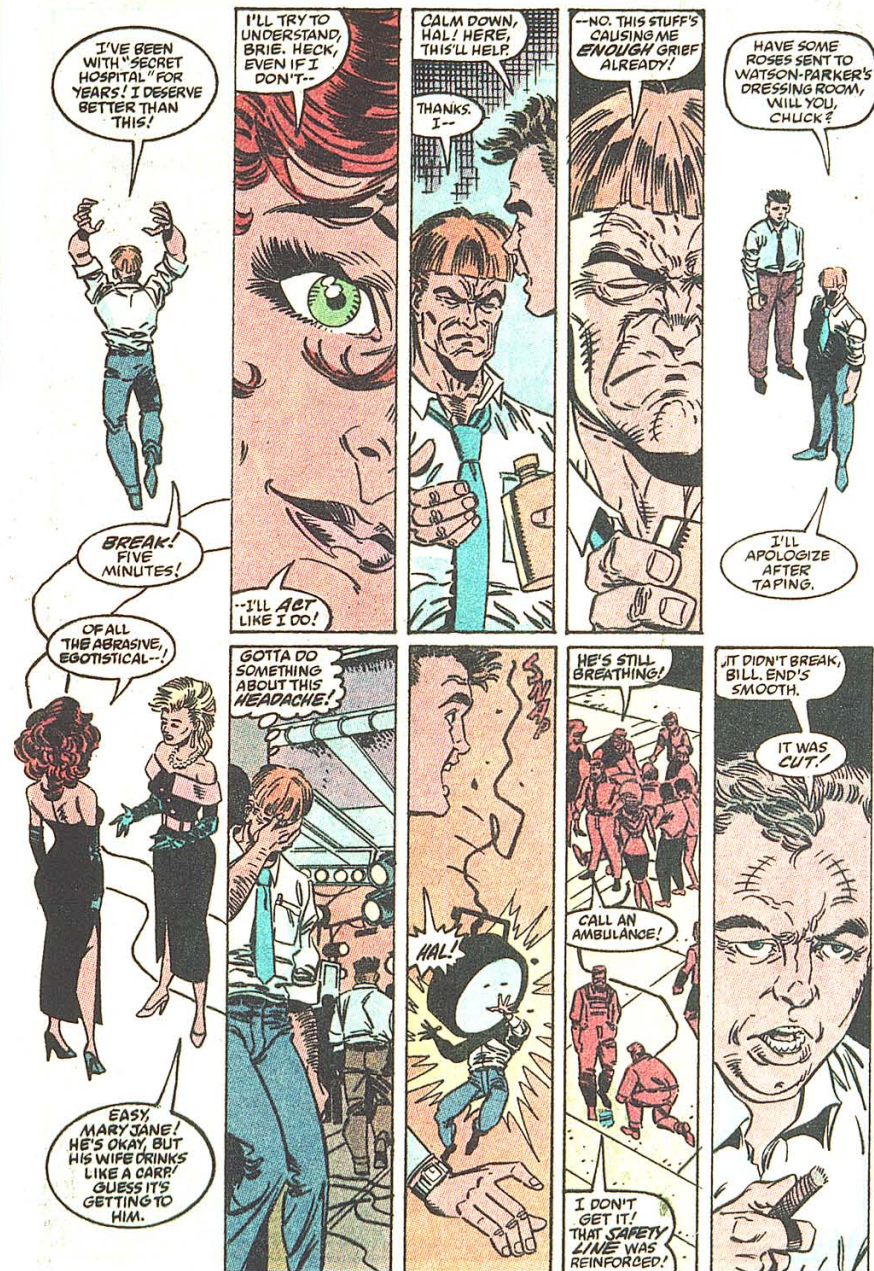
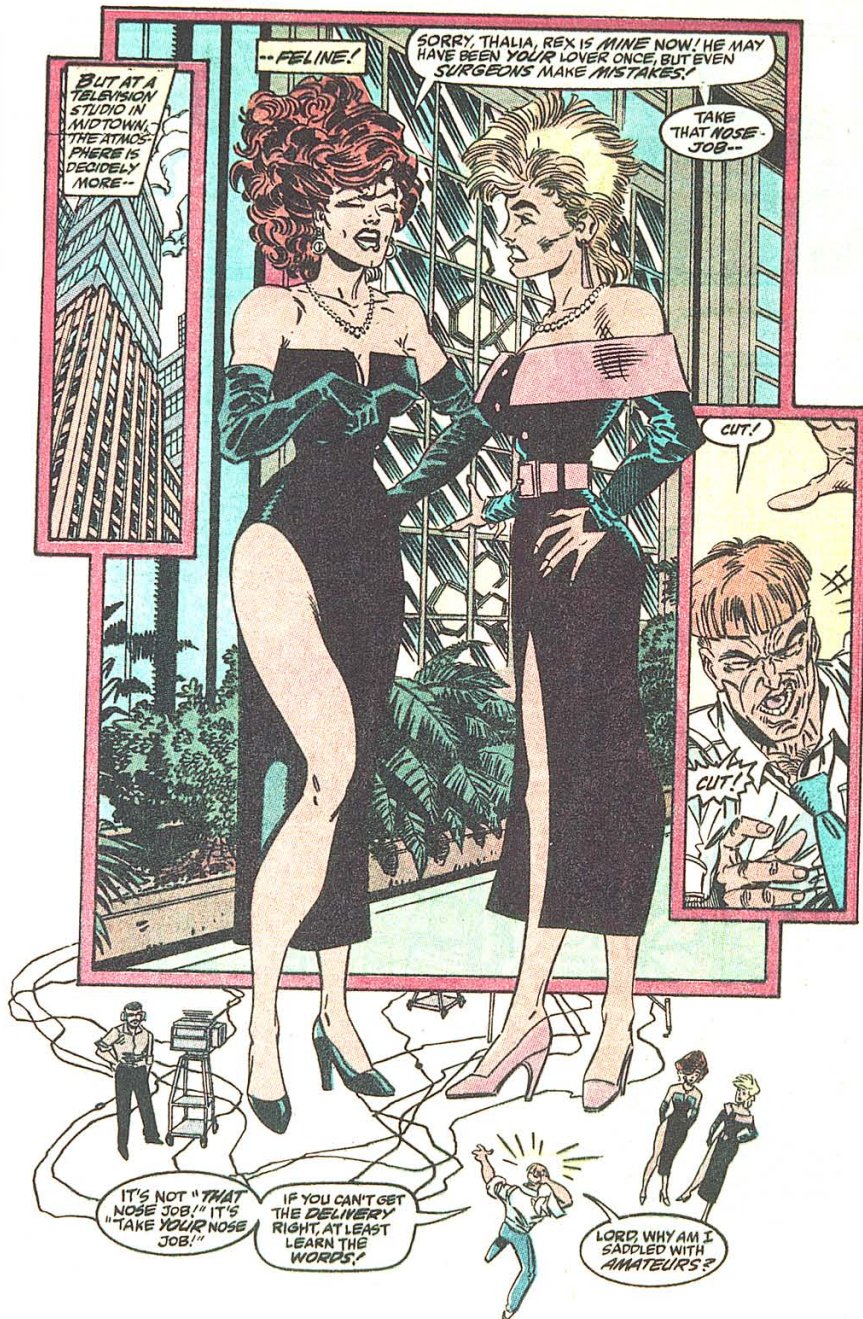
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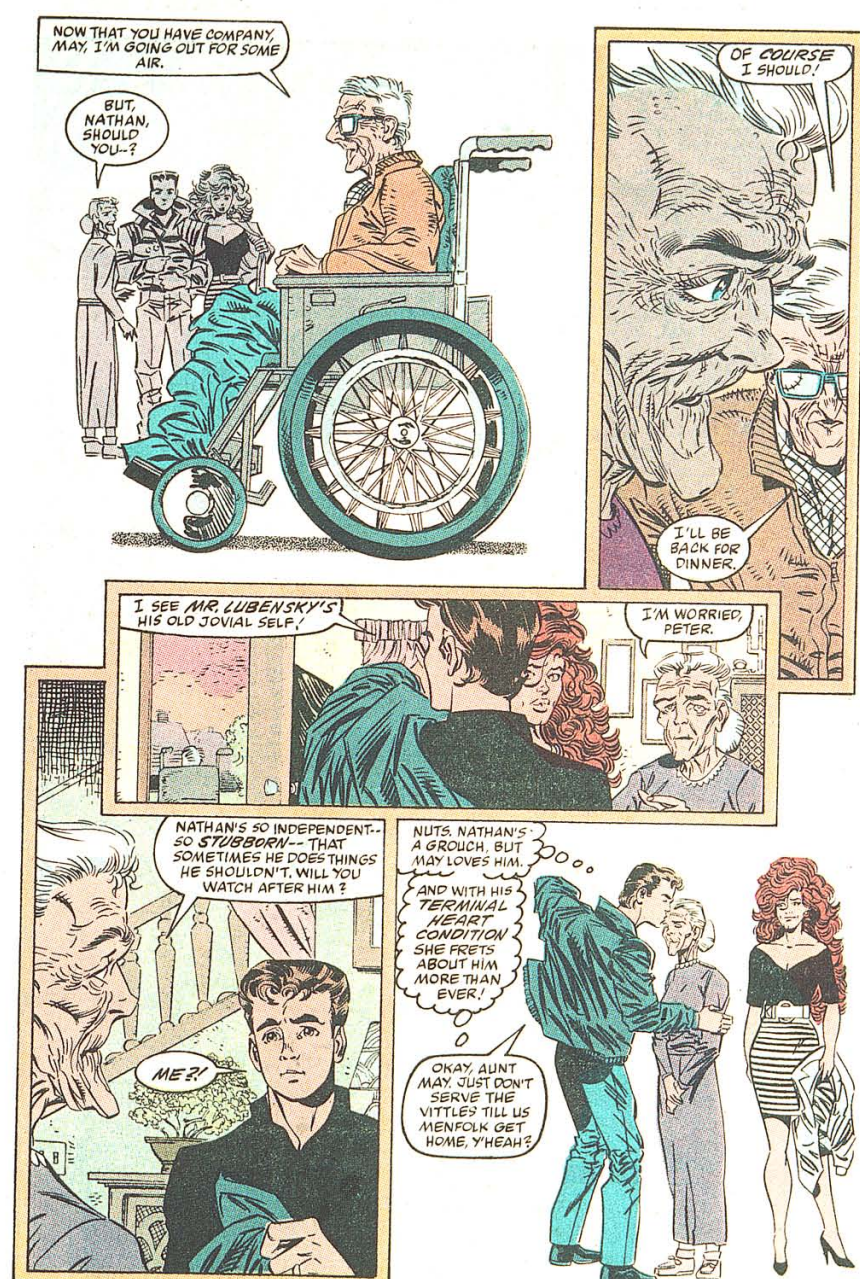
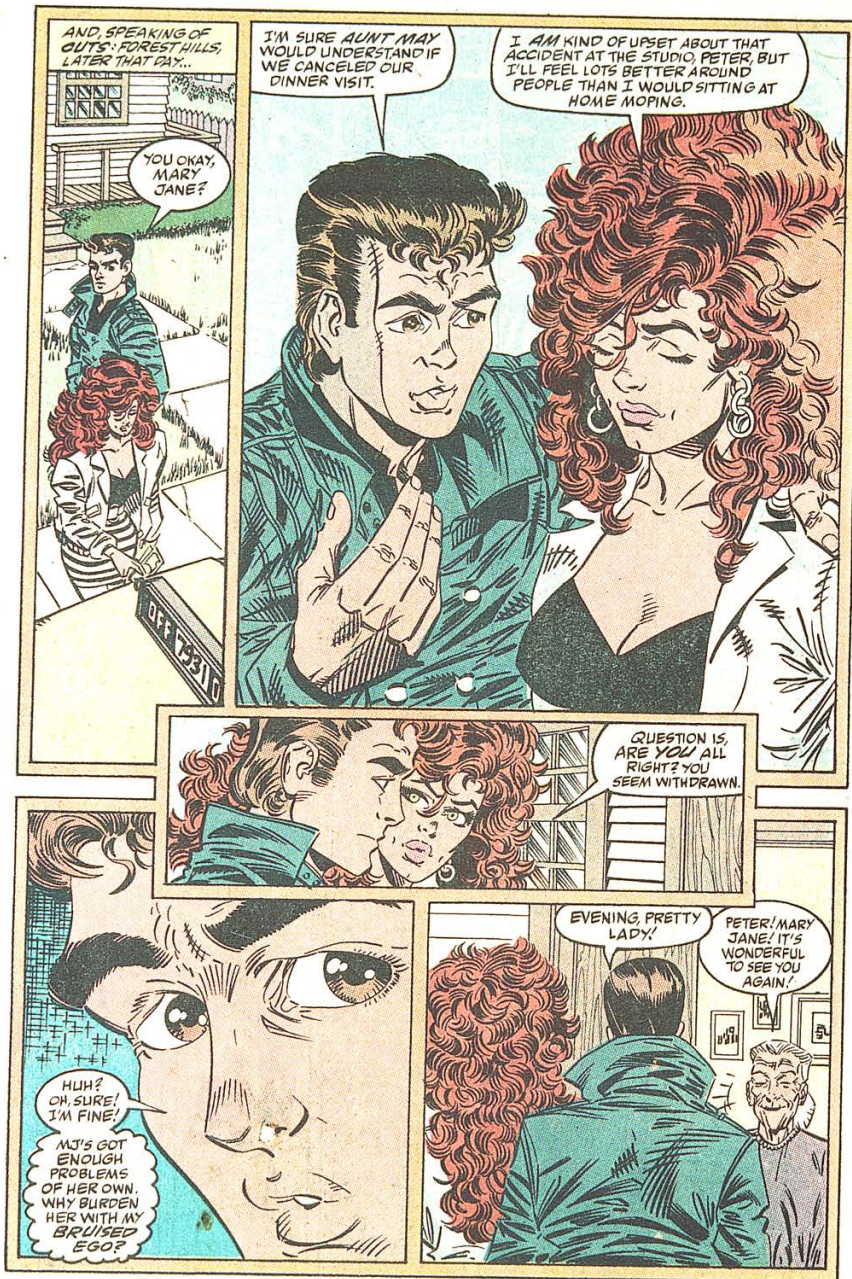
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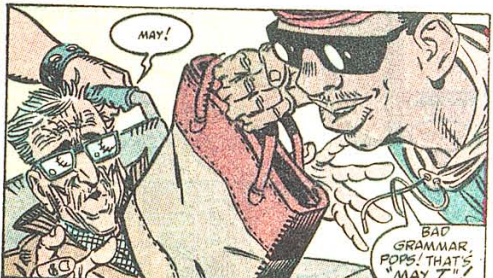
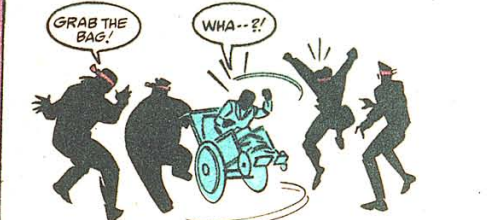
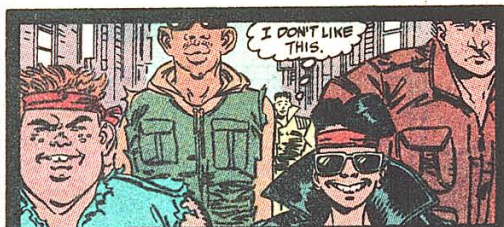


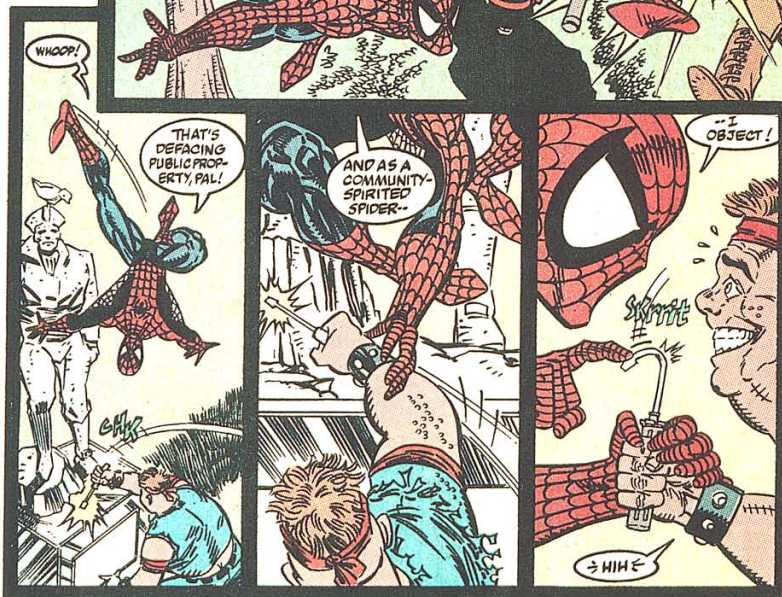
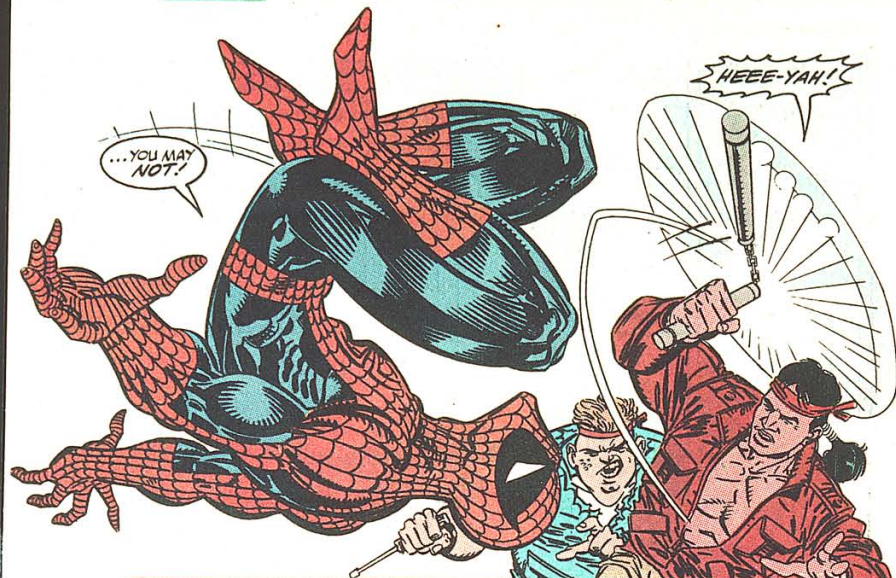
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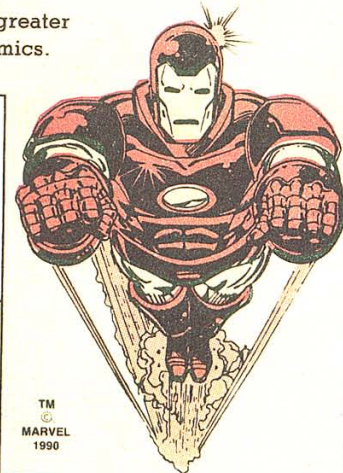
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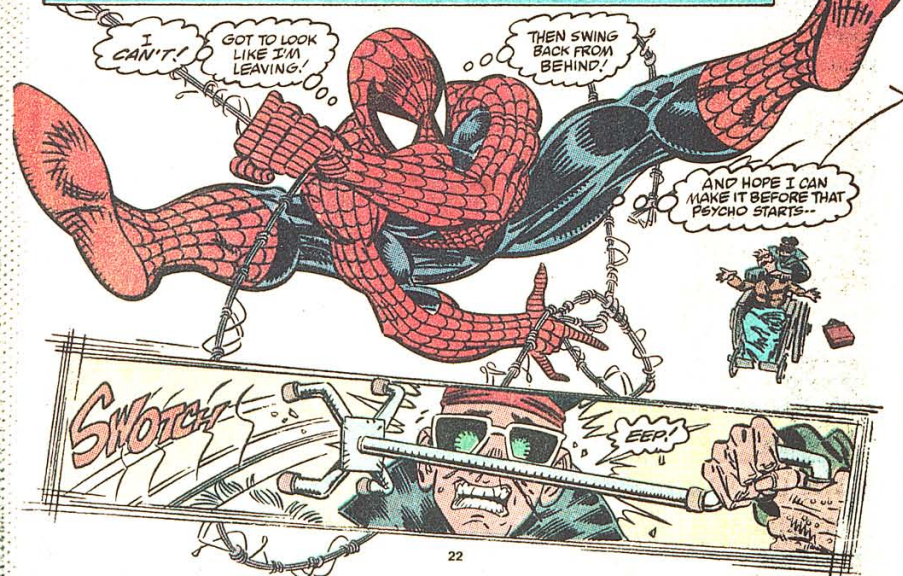
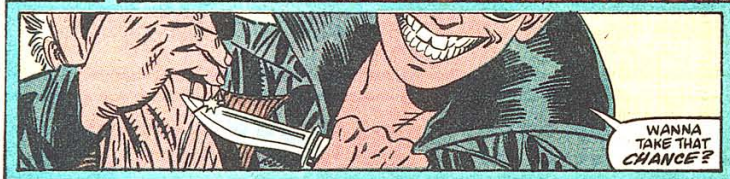
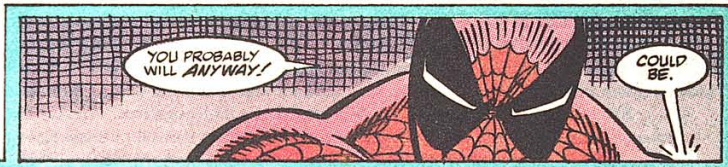
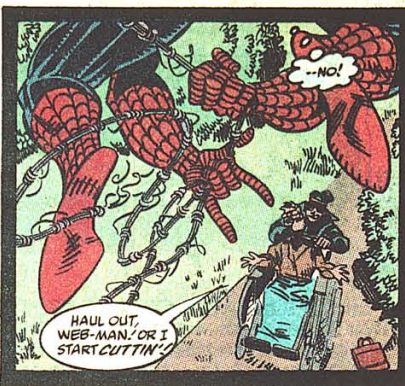
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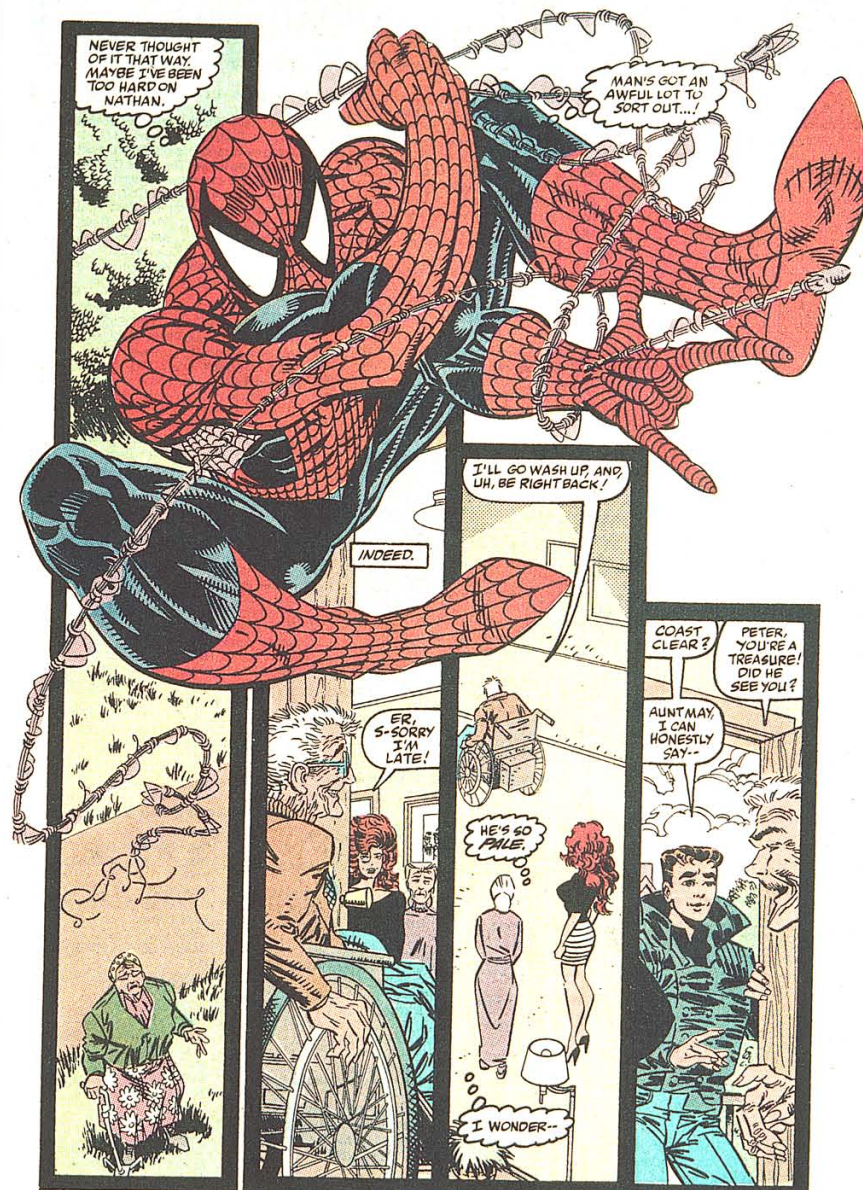
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SHEESH. THERE GOES THE GRUMPIEST MAN I'VE EVER MET!



HE'S NOT GRUMPY. HE'S SCARED WE ALL ARE... WHEN WE SEE THE FUTURE GETTING SHORTER.



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STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Something surprised me the other day! You'll probably find that hard to believe because you know it takes a lot to surprise a card-carrying Bullpener. But it really happened, and I thought you'd be interested, mainly because the same thing has probably happened to you, too!

There I was in a comic book store, poking through the new issues and feeling as ginchy as a little kid let loose in a toy factory. Then I heard a couple of fans arguing. One asked the other, "How come you've turned into a Marvel Zombie? What's the big deal with their books? To me, all comics are pretty much alike!" The hapless Marvelite tried to explain his preference for our merry little mags but his irate inquisitor kept shouting him down and wouldn't listen.

Well, Marvels are my favorites, too. (Big surprise!) But I never tried to articulate what I really like about them. So, I thought I'd jot my own reasons down on paper and let you see if they agree with yours.

To me, Marvel is more than a group of magazines. It's a cornucopia of fantasy, a wild idea, a swashbuckling attitude, an escape from the humdrum and the prosaic. It's a serendipitous feast for the mind, the eye, and the imagination! It has a spirit you can almost feel, a sense that every Marvelite is an equal among equals as we share the fun and the foibles together. Finally, it's a gleaming tribute to our love of satire and excitement, a literate celebration of unbridled creativity, coupled with a touch of rebellion and an insolent desire to spit in the eye of the dragon!

Or, to put it another way, if there were no Marvel, we'd have to invent it! Hey, come to think of it—we did!

Okay, that's my opinion. What's yours? A turbo drive No-Prize for the most interesting version!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! First Chris Claremont did it, then John Byrne, then Peter David, and Sid Jacobson. Now the latest Marvel writer to try his hand at scripting a novel is Jim Starlin (of SILVER SURFER fame). In collaboration with his wife, Daina Graziunas, Jim has produced a spine-tingling tale of suspense called *Among Madmen*. The premise of the book is this: what would you do if everyone you knew suddenly went insane? Jim has produced fifty new illustrations for the book, which is being published by New American Library as part of their new Roc-Line of science-fiction novels. The book will be out in August, and Jim and Daina promise more novels are on the way. So keep an eye out for them!

ITEM! Speaking of novels, one of the prose books by the aforementioned Peter David (of INCREDIBLE HULK fame) recently spent some time on the NEW YORK TIMES bestseller list. The book was Peter's Star Trek: The Next Generation novel, *Rock and a Hard Place*. The ever-prolific Peter has written several novels in the past, including KNIGHT LIFE and HOWLING MAD, and promises more in the future. We wish Peter the best of luck in all his future writing endeavors. Now Peter, where's that next HULK plot you promised...?

ITEM! This year, millions of Americans watched the San Francisco 49ers win the Super Bowl. But what you may not know is that the 49ers have a super hero on their team! That's right, the 49ers tight end and Jamie Williams is a huge Marvel fan, and actually fancies himself as Spider-Man. Before a game, Jamie psyches himself up by imagining that he's Spider-Man, and that the other members of the 49ers are super heroes as well. Jamie says that in a really competitive game, he becomes Conan the Barbarian. With such stalwarts as Spidey and Conan on their team, it's no wonder the 49ers won the Super Bowl!

ITEM! Hope you caught Stan Lee's recent appearance on the syndicated ENTERTAINMENT THIS WEEK over the weekend of March 31. Stan talked all about Marvel's upcoming movie and TV projects, and his comics plans for the future. But ENTERTAINMENT THIS WEEK crew also stopped off at the Marvel offices for a brief look to see how we were getting along without Stan here on a day-to-day basis. Their conclusion? Even though we may not see Stan every day, since he lives out in L.A., we still work with his many creations every day, and his presence is very much a part of Marvel today.

ITEM! In other TV news, our very own Gerry Conway, of WEB OF SPIDER-MAN and SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN, recently sold his first script to TV. It was an episode of ABC's FATHER DOWLING MYSTERIES starring Tom Bosley, and it aired on March 15. Gerry is now an active member of the FATHER DOWLING family, with several more scripts on the way. Regrettably, Gerry's new career meant he had to change his plans to take over the writing of the PUNISHER comic. But don't worry—Gerry hasn't gone totally Hollywood on us. He'll still be scripting his two Spidey books a month, so you can look forward to having the Conway touch on Peter Parker's books for the foreseeable future. Now, Gerry, what's this we hear about Father Dowling getting the Captain Universe powers?

ITEM! By now every True Believer knows that the CAPTAIN AMERICA Movie is scheduled for release in August, and the long-delayed PUNISHER Movie should be finally coming out sometime before then. Who would have thought Mighty Marvel would have two major motion pictures featuring our characters out in the same year? Not us, that's for sure!

ITEM! Books, sports, movies, TV, and... oh yes, comics! Who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Multi-Media Madness?

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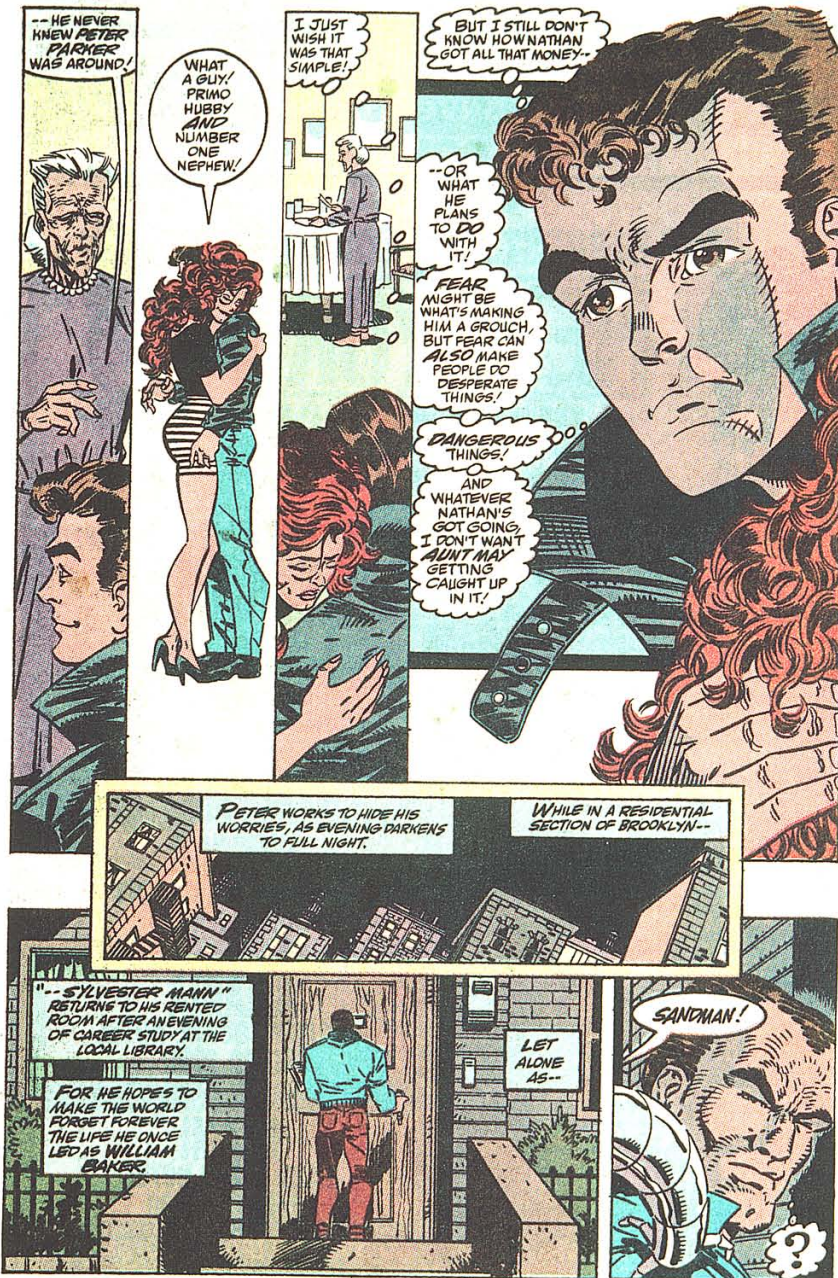
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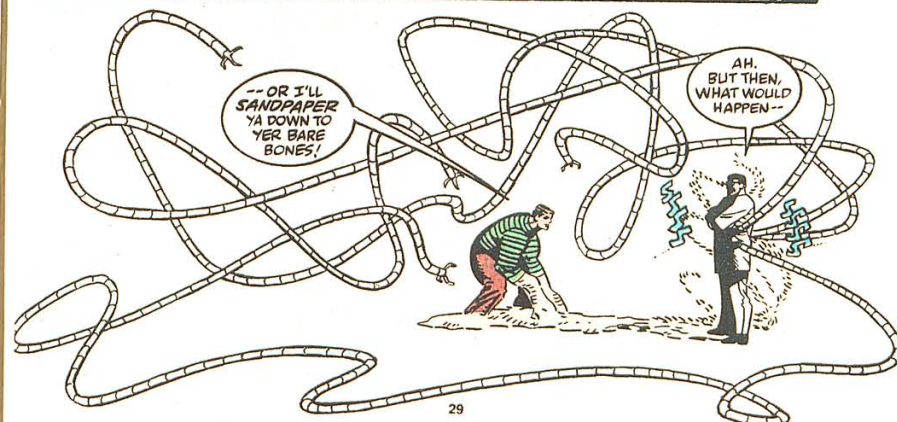
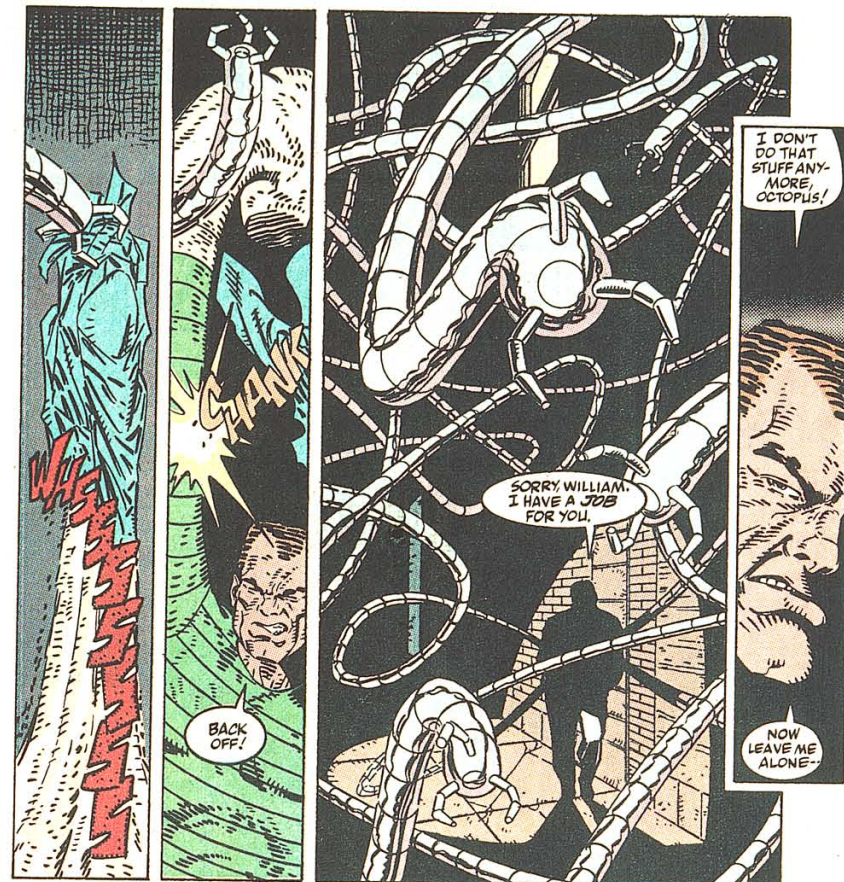
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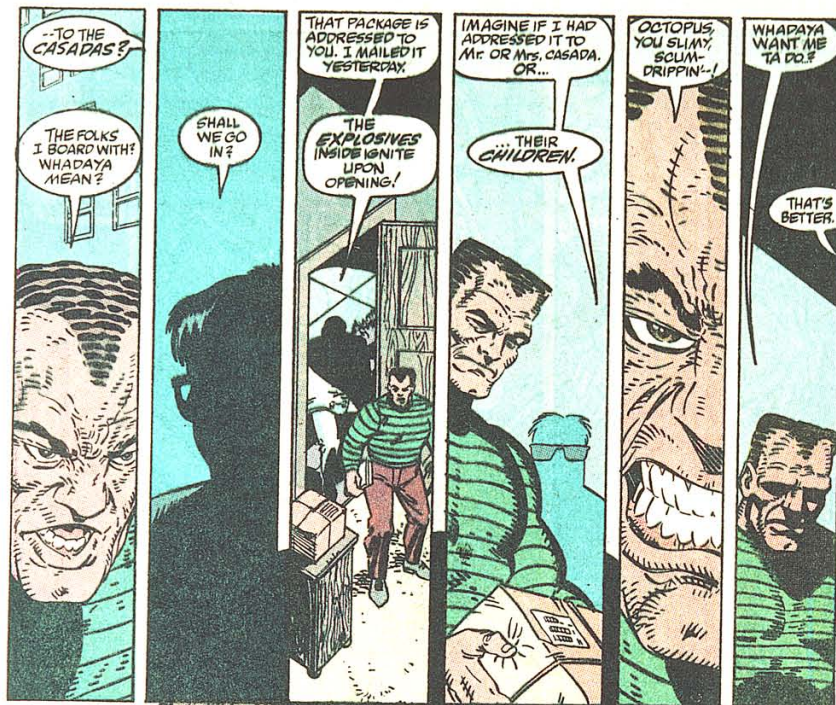
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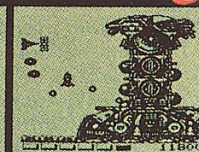
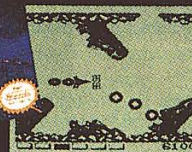
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